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Title: PROTECTION OF GERMINATING SEED AND PILLS CONTAINING PESTICIDES (This is a Continuation Application of U.S. Patent Application 09/806,949 filed April 3, 2001 which is a 371 of PCT/NL00/00523 filed July 24, 2000.)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the continuation application filed herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification on page 1 of the first line after the title with the paragraph as shown in Attachment A.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims 3-5 in the specification as shown in Attachment B.

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to the specification to make reference to the earlier filed applications as shown in Attachment A. The amendments to the claims have been made to further prosecute the application.

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